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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

FRENCH NATIONAL DEBT.

WORK OF REPAYMENT WELL UNDER WAY.

PARIS, October 30.

A Havas message states:—That the work of repaying the national debt is well under way is illustrated by the appearance of a new heading in the amortisation account in the Bank of France's weekly statement. The amount on the credit side reaches for the week nearly 14,000,000 francs, which figure it is expected will now increase steadily.

PEACE TREATY.

ANGLO-FRENCH NEGOTIATIONS.

PARIS, November 1.

Le Temps expresses deep satisfaction at the favourable turn of the Anglo-French negotiations respecting the best way to ensure the Peace Treaty being carried out, and the friendly spirit in which the negotiations were conducted, concluding that efforts made in some quarters in Great Britain in favour of Germany are not likely to meet with the support of public opinion, the interest of both nations being obviously to settle quietly any little difference and leave untouched the result of their common sacrifices.

THE LICENSING BOARD.

TO-DAY'S SESSION.

SIXTEEN APPLICATIONS GRANTED.

A session of the Licensing Board was held in the Council Chamber, at 12.15 p.m., to-day. The Hon. Mr. A.G.M. Fletcher presided, and there were present Messrs. C.D. Melbourne, M.S. Northcote, A. Dennison, I.F. Hough, A.R. Lowe and Major C. Wilson (Secretary).

The following seventeen applications were considered:—Mr. H. J. H. White, Repluse Bay Hotel, Mr. N. Beaurepaire, Hongkong Hotel, Mr. J. W. White, King Edward Hotel, Mr. F. A. Chopard, Astor House Hotel, and Mr. J. H. Oxberry, Palace Hotel; for the Repluse Bay Hotel, Mr. F. Blair, Peak Hotel, Mrs. L. J. Stewart Brown, Station Hotel, Mrs. Y. Uyetsuki, Tokyo Hotel, Mr. I. Seki, Chinese Hotel, Mr. I. Nomura, Shokudoraku Hotel, Mr. T. Miyajima, Suehiro Hotel, and Mr. Joe Yamakawa, Yamakawa Hotel, for Hotel Keeper's Adjunct Licence; and Mr. D. M. Goodall, Wiseman Ltd., Mr. T. Ishiyama, Iroha Hotel, Mrs. N. Babbage, Alexandra Cafe, Mr. T. Murata, Tsukinoya, and Mrs. Y. Namura, Harunoya Hotel, for Restaurant Keeper's Adjunct Licence.

The Chairman said that the papers had been circulated among the members, and he thought that with the exception of Yamakawa's application for a new form of licence, the meeting was unanimously in favour of the granting of renewals. With regard to the Repluse Bay Hotel, the licence would be made out to Mr. H. J. H. White, instead of Mr. Taggart who previously held an Adjunct Licence for that hotel.

Mr. Northcote asked why the licence was not again made out in the name of Mr. Taggart. The Chairman explained that Mr. Taggart was the General Manager of the Hongkong Hotel company, and was often absent from the Colony. Mr. White was described as a fit and proper person to hold a licence. In addition, he lived on the premises.

With regard to the Peak Hotel, Mr. Northcote said that he understood Mrs. Blair, the licensee, was absent from the Colony.

The Chairman said that Mrs. Blair had a doctor's certificate to say that she needed a change of air. She would be away for a short while only, two weeks, he thought. In this instance also, the argument with regard to the Repluse Bay Hotel applied. The licence could not be made out to Mr. Blair because he was not always on the premises.

Put to the meeting, all the applications excepting that of Yamakawa were unanimously granted.

Joe Yamakawa was then called. Mr. Fletcher told the applicant that his application was for a Hotel Keeper's Adjunct licence in place of the Restaurant Keeper's Adjunct Licence which he at present held. The applicant had been before the Board in August with a similar application, and it was refused on the ground that it was not necessary for his business to do more than sell intoxicating liquors with meals.

Asked if he had any reason to give in support of his application, Yamakawa said that he kept boarders and wanted to be able to supply them with drinks at times other than during meals.

The Chairman enquired how many rooms the applicant had, and the latter replied that he had four cubicles on the top floor, and was accommodating four boarders.

MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, report on 29 Sept., 1920.

Sentiment in the cotton markets appears to have become distinctly pessimistic for the time being and there has been a further heavy slump in values. The American markets seem to be seriously affected by the general downward movement of commodities and the outlook remains complicated by the unsettled coal dispute here and also the extensive stoppage of spinning mills in the Oldham area. The latter dispute would no doubt have been settled by now under better trade conditions, as the operatives at most of the mills are anxious to resume work, but employers are naturally not so keen to reopen mills without some guarantee against similar unofficial strikes in future. The stoppage is in fact regarded by many as being very opportune, coming as it does at a time when organised short time is under discussion. There is no improvement in the yarn and cloth sections, the situation being aggravated by the sharp break in cotton. This continues to weaken goods prices and gives some ground to the expectation of values becoming even lower yet. The financial position also tends to get more acute and there is no doubt that this is proving a serious obstacle to a resumption of business activity, as even those who consider cloth is cheap now are hampered in their operations by the present stringency. The stagnation in our market has in fact been emphasised during the past week and the amount of trade done is practically negligible. Buyers appear to be holding all business over pending some sort of level being reached. In spite of the extensive stoppages of looms and spindles, goods are accumulating, and the "root" of the present impasse is obviously the high price of goods going into consumption. The limitation of purchases through this has certainly proved to be more serious than generally anticipated some months ago, and it is still difficult to see how there can be much enterprise until the situation is relieved by the satisfactory disposal of these high priced goods. Statistics recently collected by the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers, give the world's consumption of cotton for the year ended July last as 17,236,941 Bales, of which 11,703,144 were American, 3,299,779 East Indian, 805,409 Egyptian and 1,428,609 sundry.

The Chairman: You want permission to serve these boarders, and diners who do not live on the premises?—Yes.

Mr. Hough: Are your boarders permanent?—Yes.

Mr. Northcote: Four boarders are not many, and do not warrant such an application. You want to cater to men who come ashore from merchant ships?—Yes.

After further discussion, the applicant was re-summoned, and the Chairman told him that the Board had decided that in view of the small number of boarders it was not necessary for the applicant to hold a Hotel Keeper's Adjunct Licence. The application would therefore be dismissed. However, the applicant's Restaurant Keeper's Adjunct Licence would be renewed.

THE DOLLAR.

Today's closing rate 3/11½
Today's opening rate 3/11½

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ANTI-BOLSHEVICK RISING.

LONDON, November 1st.

A Copenhagen telegram says that an anti-Bolshevik rising in Siberia is spreading.

The Prætor reports that 81 conspirators, mainly officers, have been executed at Omsk.

Colonel Semenov, leader of the Cossack irregulars, has fallen into the hands of the Bolsheviks. Apparently, he was escaping from Chita by aeroplane which descended near Makeyev.

SOUTH RUSSIA BLOCKADE.

WASHINGTON, November 2nd.

The United States has been asked its attitude in regard to the blockade of South Russia in order to assist General Wrangel. The State Department is asking for further information. It is not disclosed what Government made the inquiry or what European countries agree to the blockade, but it is understood that Italy is opposed to it.

CLAIM AGAINST MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, November 2nd.

Great Britain has agreed to the settlement of the claim against Mexico owing to the murder of the British subject, Benton near Juarez in February, 1914, under which Mexico will pay Mrs. Benton, who is a Mexican, \$10,000, also a daily pension of \$2.50 so long as she does not marry again.

CUBAN ELECTION.

HAVANA, November 2nd.

Eight were killed in fighting arising out of the Presidential election. The results of the balloting are not yet determined, but, apparently, Yzaga, the Coalition candidate, is leading over Gomez, the Liberal nominee.

NEW AERIAL SERVICE.

KYIVST, November 2nd.

An aerial mail and passenger service between the United States and Cuba has been inaugurated.

WELL-KNOWN DWARF DEAD.

MIDDLEBORO (MASSACHUSETTS), 2nd.

Count Magri, the well-known Italian dwarf who was only 37 inches high, and was the second husband of "Mrs. Tom Thumb," is dead.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

NEW YORK, November 2nd.

The whole of the United States deeply resents the libel on Senator Harding. There is not the slightest clue to the authors, apart from Professor Chancellor, who is not considered to be responsible for it. Senator Harding refused even to deny the libel which appears more likely to influence the votes in favour of Senator Harding than Mr. Cox.

Boston, November 2nd.
New Ashford is the first town in Massachusetts to record the Presidential vote showing 22 votes for Senator Harding and 6 for Mr. Cox.

New York, November 2nd.
Mr. Cox has written advocating the admission of Russia to the League of Nations, thereby enabling her to work out her own salvation. America, he says, ought to aim at becoming a moral and humanitarian leader of the world.

HONGKONG BUDGET.

SHANGHAI COMMENT.

REVENUE FROM OPIUM CRITICISED.

Commenting on the Hongkong Budget in the course of a leader the *Shanghai Times* says:—It is a source of gratification that the opium monopoly figures show such a falling off, for it has long been a matter for regret that any revenue whatever should be made by a British Colony by the sale of such a pernicious poison. Still, there can be little doubt that if the Government had not a monopoly of the drug the opium traffic, now admirably regulated, would be an evil of a very serious nature. The Governor commented upon the extraordinary sum of \$4,967,400 for public works and observed that it constituted a record vote. Among other things it seems to indicate that the Colony is very much alive to modern requirements, and certainly there is room for such, as in our far Island Colony, and more particularly in the city of Victoria there still remain many unsavoury slums and ramshackle buildings that ought to make way for modern improvements. It is to be hoped that part of the large sum mentioned will be used with particular reference to these blots upon the Colony's beauty. Probably the money will be utilised for more utilitarian purposes; and it would have been interesting to have had facts on what is proposed, apart from the ordinary work of the Public Works Department.

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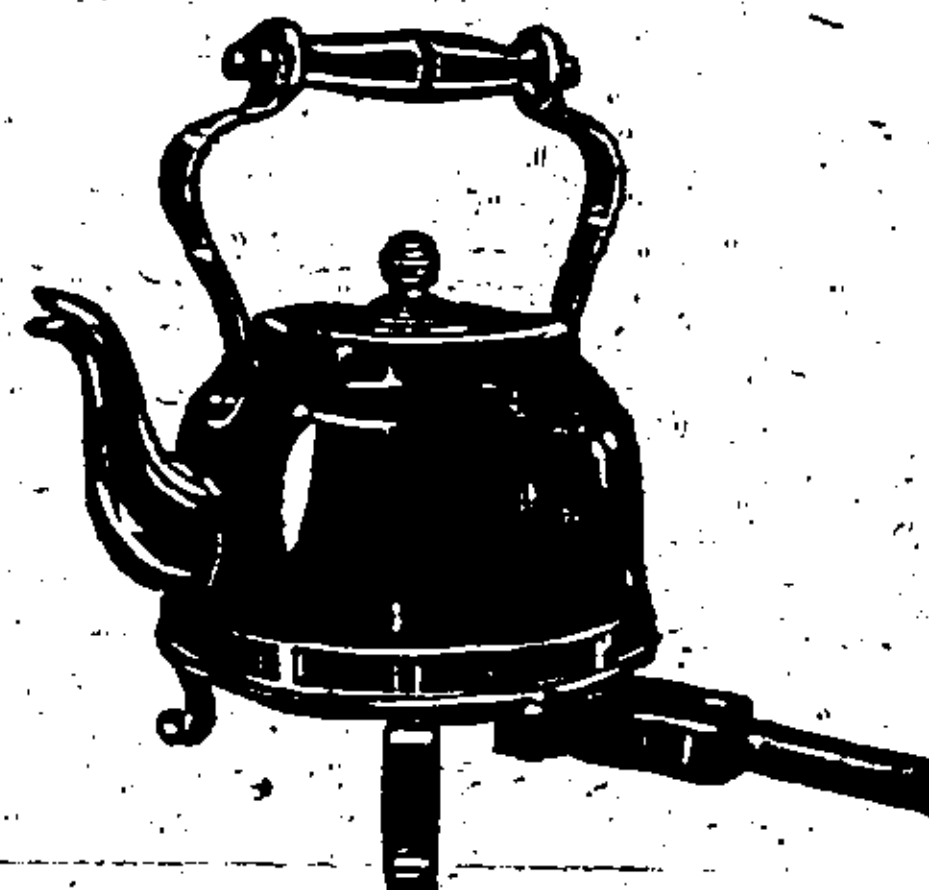
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(Continued from page 2.)
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What the world will be a million years hence, Mr. Wells declined to speculate. But, taking the next hundred years, he declares that there must be either one wise and peaceful federal government dominating the world or decadence.
"We have," he said, "to suppress the military man, and also the military-minded man—for example, Mr. Winston Churchill—soon and thoroughly. The greatest danger to civilization at the present time lies not in the Bolsheviks, but in the aristocratic and monarchist adventurers who dominate the foreign affairs of France, Britain, and Poland to-day. These people have no sense of limitations; they take no heed of the cost of the things they do, because they habitually expect other people to pay for their adventures. They constitute a real conspiracy against the peace and welfare of mankind. They will go on doing mischief if they can until they provoke a social upheaval that will overwhelm us all. At any cost we must restrain them. If we do not do so their reckless and imbecile aggressions and intrigues will destroy the orderly development of the present system altogether and lead, not so much to revolution, as to the breaking down of our whole social order. They will achieve a smash up more complete and swift, a Decline and Fall of Europe more thorough and final than the Decline and Fall of Rome."

WAR INTELLIGENCE.
ASTOUNDING REVELATIONS.
LECTURE BY AN EXPERT.
Under the auspices of the United Service Institution of India, a lecture on "Intelligence in War," was delivered recently by Brigadier General J. C. Charteris—H.E. the Commander-in-Chief, presided. The audience was fully representative, almost all the officers of Army Headquarters being present. The lecturer took an hour to describe the working of intelligence in the last war, and his astounding revelations regarding the working of the secret service were listened to with amazement and attention.
General Charteris said that the work of intelligence, in the words of Lord Haig, was the collection, collation and dissemination of information with regard to the enemy in so much that it should enable a Commander, on the one hand, to avoid surprise by the enemy and, on the other hand, to enable his troops to obtain a surprise by their own operations. In the last war a great portion of the intelligence had to be devoted to what was called "economic intelligence," which could enable the Allies to gauge the enemies' reserves in men, material and money. The organization of the intelligence staff at Headquarters was divided into the following main sections:—(a) Information regarding the enemy's armed forces; (b) information regarding the enemy's resources in armaments, both as regards number and type; (c) topographical information of the theatres of war; (d) the organization of secret service, both for espionage and counter-espionage, including the intercepting of telephones and wireless and decoding enemy cyphers; (e) the prevention of leakage of information, comprising control of censorship, control of press correspondence etc.; (f) a propaganda section devoted to the issue of all information as might confuse the enemy, depreciate his moral and maintain the moral of the Allied peoples, and influence neutrals in favour of the Allies.
After detailing the different branches of intelligence work, the speaker dwelt at length on the means whereby they obtained intelligence. Their main sources of information were reconnaissance by air and by raids. The examination of prisoners, examination of documents of the enemy and secret service reconnaissance by air never obtained first hand knowledge of movements, but was useful for the verification of news got from other sources. As regards the examination of prisoners, the primary examination was always directed towards the verification of the "enemy's" order of battle, but very much information could not be obtained from these prisoners, as their knowledge was limited; but most valuable information was extracted from the servants of the enemy's officers, but invariably, the British Intelligence Service did not go beyond the limit of words of threats. As regards documents these were, on the whole, most valuable source of information owing, firstly, to the German lack of efficient censorship, and secondly, owing to the Germans being a nation of letter-writers and diarists. An average German soldier would not distort facts in his letters home, and the detection of these letters revealed a good deal of useful information. Those letters which reached Germany were talked about in the market places, and English agents could obtain the essence of those communications. As for the system of collation and co-ordination of information; the co-ordination of economic information, such as man power and other military resources of the enemy, was vested in the War Office, while, as regards strategic information, the co-ordination and collation was done solely by General Headquarters. Coming to the dissemination of intelligence the primary object was to disseminate to nations such information only as they required for the execution of their immediate task. This dissemination of information was carried out by the circulation of daily summaries, so as to prevent the circulation of wrong rumours so as to ensure that any variation from their knowledge could at once be brought to notice, but the most important of the intelligence department's duty was an accurate knowledge of the order of battle of the enemy.
Touching the part played by the Secret Service, General Charteris said that the difficulties did not lie in the places where an agent could get information, but in communicating with him. Concluding, the speaker said that one more factor that helped the Allies was, that they could judge the strength of the German manpower from the fact, that in 1914 she depended on men of 20 years of age, while in 1915 she fell down to the 18 years limit. Another factor, that was sometimes helpful was a knowledge of the mentality of the opposing Commander.

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MARRIAGE.

HENDERSON—WOODCOCK.—On Sept. 25, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, Richard McNeill, of P.W.D., Hongkong, to Mary Esmé, younger daughter of G. A. Woodcock, late Hongkong Civil Service.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, NOV. 5, 1920.

THE AMERICAN ISSUE.

It has been put very plainly by one journalistic writer. We hope this logical consequence is less inevitable than the plainness of his proposition. "If America," he says (by her choice of President) "will not enter the League of Nations, let her say so plainly and let us drop that fanciful dream and get on with more battleships." How cheerful he is about it! With what sang-froid he contemplates the substitution of a fanciful nightmare for a fanciful dream. For the battleship nightmare (however great our British pride in our navy) is a nightmare, that holds as much of "fancy" as the dream of a peace organized and maintained by businesslike methods. Some of us recall the day when "some great naval defeat was officially published. It turned out to be a mistake, but it does not require much "fancy" to recognize that some day it might turn out to be a fact. In other human competitions championships have been challenged and defeated before now. We have no guarantee that our champion navy can forever hold the belt. When we were rich, and prosperous we could easily propound a policy of "two keels to one," but can we do it now? Even if we could, is the undoubted gallantry of our naval men and their superiority in gunnery an assurance of perpetual victory? What of the developments in submarines, of floating mines, of air-craft, of the awful battle of the money-bags? In either case, it seems, we have to put our trust in a fanciful dream. It is the remotest chance, of there is one chance in a million, of having support for the pleasant dream rather than for the nightmare. It is our duty to embrace it, for it is, to give it its chance. It is not right for us older men to be so nonchalant about spurning

such a possible, if "fanciful" reform. It is not we who will suffer if it fail, but those who are now children. We will be safely out of danger. If we fear at the League of Nations and preach the practicality of battleships, so glibly, we are making a bet which we cannot pay—an unporting thing to do. This election of an American President does not and will not shut America out of the League, which ever way it goes. President Wilson was elected to keep America out of the war, and yet under the Wilson administration the Americans went into it, with most beneficial results to us all. If some Americans misunderstand the League of Nations now, as they have good reason to do, seeing the treacherous part played toward it by European statesmen, they will not always do so. When those statesmen are discredited and defeated, as they will be, when the "fanciful dream" of the "Balance of Power" has been broken, and the integral littleness of the "Big Four" shown up, the Americans will come in all right, no matter whether Cox or Harding be the name that Reuters brings us. Because the ideals of the Covenant were and are American ideals, because such a League for such a purpose, honestly applied to that purpose and to that only, squares truly enough with the American Constitution. The Presidential election as a matter of fact has far more issues than this one of the League, and its result commits this great people to nothing so foolish as a final repudiation of the principle of associated endeavour for the abolition of the waste and cruelty and fatality of war. To speak slightly of any such endeavour as "fanciful" is foolishness. All human enterprise, thank God, is fanciful. We engage in business because we fancy we can make a profit. We engage in matrimony because we fancy we shall be happier. We engage in war because we fancy we can win. Why not also strive for good, if we fancy we can achieve improvement of conditions admittedly bad?

LLOYD GEORGE AND ANARCHY.

Lloyd George is always informative. He has just informed the Ilford electors that "anarchy is the natural enemy of democracy." He says truly. He could have said it before the war with as much reason and as much truth. When he was Limehousing for democracy, and against the dukes, and the House

of Lords tried to bust the constitution in order to thwart his own budget proposals, he could have pointed out that the peers were anarchists. When the duchesses were proclaiming "direct action" to defeat his own health insurance scheme he could have denounced them as anarchists, opposed to the law. When his own pet Lord Chancellor was a party to an anarchistic conspiracy in Ulster, to be operated in case the intimidation of King and parliament failed, he could have pointed out how it threatened democratic principles. When his present friends and supporters expressed their hopes of inducing mutiny among army officers in Ireland, that was anti-democratic anarchy, open and unashamed, and he might have said then what he has said now. Mr. Smillis and other Labour extremists have said some rash things, publicly, but not one of them has said, more publicly or more rashly, anything quite so anarchistic as Sir Edward Carson's words: "The Attorney-General . . . says that my doctrines and the course I am taking lead to anarchy. Does he not think I know that?" It makes some difference, apparently, whether the anarchists are friends and supporters, or otherwise. There are more "direct actionists" among his friends and supporters than in all the Labour cliques put together. Martial power, in the view of the average man, is the most real power. Martial law is the negation of civil law. It means a short cut by real power to get its own way, regardless of the opinion of the majority. Therefore martial law is anarchy, the natural enemy of democracy, and we see that Lloyd George is a friend of democracy's natural enemy.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

One fatal case of enteric fever, Chinese, was reported yesterday.

To-day is the anniversary of some gunpowder plot or other. Anybody know anything about it?

The sailing date of the s.s. "Nile" has been postponed until further notice on account of a Government survey being held on board.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration mines for the week ending October 23 amounted to 74,359 tons and the sales during the period, to 82,535 tons.

The *Daily News* says "Pussyfoot" Johnson, the American prohibitionist, who is at present conducting a campaign in Scotland, states that he will sail for India on November 12 where the recent legislature has put the liquor question on a new footing.

Mr. Goon Sen, the chairman of the Chinese-Australian line of steamers which include the "Ewah Ping," "Victoria" and "Gabo" frequently calling at Sandakan, was a passenger on the last "Victoria," which in addition to bunker coal took 3,500 cubic feet of log timber for Hongkong.

A fire occurred on the s.s. "Fatsan" soon after her arrival at Canton on Wednesday morning. Starting amidships, apparently in the stewards' room, the flames reached the promenade deck before the efforts of the officers helped by some soldiers succeeded in extinguishing the outbreak.

A record Christmas parcels mail was closed last night, for despatch by the s.s. "Telamon" sailing to-day. It consisted of 2,558 parcels in 153 bags. The mail last year sent on November 1 by the s.s. "Khiva" consisted of 568 parcels in 35 bags and two boxes. The parcels chiefly contained tea, sugar, cigars, gold and silverware.

While Mr. Woodley, a sick berth steward in the Naval Yard, was motor-cycling on Morrison Hill Gap Road, in the direction of the Valley, yesterday afternoon about four o'clock, the machine skidded and threw him. When found, shortly afterwards, it was discovered that his hands were badly cut and one leg was broken. He was taken to the Naval Hospital.

The decomposed body of an unknown male Chinese was yesterday washed down the river and picked up in the harbour by the Water Police, and removed to the public mortuary. The body appeared to be that of a Kwongsi soldier, but owing to the advanced stage of decomposition, it was impossible to discover any marks of violence.

The site on Queen's Road East, opposite the Naval Yard, now occupied by the Army Service Corps barracks and storerooms, has been acquired from the Military Authorities for a Y. M. C. A. Institute for Europeans. It is estimated that the establishment will cost about a quarter of a million dollars. The project has been in contemplation for a long time. The transaction is independent of the general question of the evacuation of the Military of the land held by them in the centre of the city.

SPECIAL CABLE.

RUBBER MARKET.

A FURTHER SLUMP.

QUOTATIONS LESS THAN COST.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, November 4.
There has been a further slump in rubber which is now quoted at 41 cents buyers, which in many cases is less than the cost of production.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

What is the best definition of a parliamentary candidate? Here is Mr. Winston Churchill's: "A man who is asked to stand, wants to sit, and is expected to lie."

The war is over and it is high time that the old facilities of passportless travel should be re-established. Latter-day passports, being a source of revenue and an opportunity for the exercise of petty power, may last long, says a New York contemporary.

Judgment was given for defendants with costs, in the Supreme Court, Penang, in the case in which the *Eastern Truth* Syndicate, Messrs. Ribeiro and Co., Ltd., for \$15,000 damages for non-fulfilment of contract to publish the *Eastern Truth*.

The marine court of inquiry at Penang into the loss of the "Stephan" found the master guilty of default in not taking steps to save life. His certificate was suspended for three years. The gunner was held to be blameless, but owing to technical reasons the court was unable to deal with his certificate.

Suit for damages in the sum of Tls. 12,000 and Gold \$2,400 has been filed in the United States Court for China by Messrs. H. V. Bernard and B. C. Yen of the Euro-China Trading Company through their attorney, Mr. F. J. Schuhl, against MacPerson, Fenstemaker, Whitehouse and Company. The action is based upon an alleged breach of contract in connection with the sale and delivery of certain cable wire scrap trimmings.

The practice of oil-burning and carrying steamers disposing of oil refuse by dumping it into the Whangpoo River is dealt with in the editorial of *Shipping and Engineering*. While it is pointed out that the Whangpoo contains water about as filthy as water could be, and that therefore the question of pollution is not so very important, attention is drawn to the fact that the presence of floating areas of inflammable oil is a real danger, in that a stray flame could easily set it alight and cause a calamity of great magnitude, a concrete instance which occurred at Stockholm being cited as a case in point.

We hear from the West Coast that there is a rumour current there that Australian steamers have ceased to call at Sandakan owing to failure of coal supplies, says the *B.N.B. Herald*. It should be made clear that there is no foundation for such a rumour. It is true that one or two steamers have not called at Sandakan recently on their way north but this is due only to the scarcity of cargo for China from Australia at present, owing to which these vessels have taken cargo coal from which their bunkers are replenished. This is a temporary measure only and will stop as soon as flour can be exported from Australia.

FIGHT WITH PIRATES.

TWO JUNKS ATTACKED.

OUTRAGE IN CHINESE WATERS.

The master of two Hongkong fishing junks with crews of 25 and 24, respectively, reported to the police that about 4 a.m., on Wednesday last, while the vessels were sailing in company off Pinghoi, in Chinese waters, they were halted by a launch and ordered to stop. When they refused to comply with the order, the launch opened fire. Both junks returned the fire with cannons and muskets, and a running fight ensued. After an exchange of shots lasting about half an hour, the launch gave up the fight and steamed away. It was then discovered that two women, one on board each of the junks, had been shot dead, and that two men had been seriously wounded and a woman and a man and a small boy wounded. The junks immediately made for port where the dead were removed to the mortuary and the wounded taken to hospital. The identity of the launch is not known, but the police connect the attack with the case reported in the *China Mail* yesterday in which the steam launch "Taklong" was seized by pirates off Pakshawan.

BOXING.

HONGKONG ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

A large gathering attended the first annual general meeting of the Hongkong Boxing Association held in the King Edward Hotel last evening. The Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb, who presided, was supported by Messrs. Jenkin, Wildin and Tinson.

After referring to the absence of Sir William Rees Davies and Mr. R. M. Dyer, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, from the Colony on leave, the Chairman said: "The Association was formed as a result of a meeting held in Mr. Gedge's office on the 27th November, 1919, the prime movers of the meeting being Messrs. Gedge and F. C. Jenkin, Chief Preventive Officer, J. C. Wildin, and Revenue Inspector S. J. Clarke. During its first season four tournaments were held including a Novices' Competition. The Welterweight Championship of the Colony was retained by Sergeant 'Sky' Kerrison who defeated Stoker Walters, of H.M.S. 'Hawkins,' on the 13th December, 1919, and Seaman Parsons, of H. M. S. 'Ambrose,' on January 10th, 1920, and fought a drawn fight with 'Iron' Bur on the 5th March 1920, and so holds the Welterweight Championship Belt presented by the Police Reserve Mounted Patrol. The Middleweight Championship Belt (presented by the *Hongkong Daily Press*) was won by Private Mason, R.M.L.I. of H.M.S. 'Hawkins,' who beat C. E. R. A. Lee of H. M. S. 'Ambrose' on the 14th February, 1920. The Amateur Lightweight Championship was won by 'Young' Maher who defeated in turn Sergeant Ward, R.N.Y.F., and E. R. A. Haines, of H. M. S. 'Hawkins.'

Championship Belts have been presented or promised by the following:—The Navy, Feather-weight; Mr. H. J. Gedge, Light-weight; The Police Reserve Mounted Patrol, Welterweight; the *Hongkong Daily Press*, Middleweight; Mr. J. Scott Harston, Light Heavyweight and the Hongkong Exchange Brokers' Association, Heavyweight.

Owing to the large number turned away from the Theatre at the opening tournament the Association obtained permission to erect a marquee on the Volunteer Parade ground, but unfortunately this could only be allowed to remain for the January and February tournaments and at the March tournament at the Theatre, the accommodation was again found to be inadequate. Perhaps here it would be advisable to say a few words as to the reason which prompted the Committee to arrange for this year's tournament to be held—at any rate to start with—at the Ming Yuen Gardens where there will be accommodation for approximately 2,000 persons. The Theatre is not only too small—especially as regards accommodation for unbooked seats—but it will probably be impossible this year owing to previous bookings to have tournaments there at regular intervals. The erection of a marquee has been found impracticable, at any rate, at present, owing to the endless worry it causes, and it must be recollected that all the officials are honorary and can only give a limited time to the affairs of the Association, but he was sure they to their utmost to make the tournament a success. Also, it is costly, and unless the Association bought its own chairs, tournaments on evenings during Race Week, Cricket Week, etc., would be impossible owing to the limited number which can be hired in the Colony. For instance, when the February tournament was held last season chairs had to be brought from the race course to the marquee between the end of the day's racing and the opening of the tournament and had also in that time to be numbered in accordance with the booking plan and this could not be completed until after the doors were open. If the marquee had been at Kowloon this would have been an impossibility. If the Association bought its own chairs, it would have to make arrangements to store them between tournaments, arrange for watchmen, firemen, etc., and countless other small details. The Association, however, have in no way bound themselves to the Ming Yuen Gardens, except for the first tournament.

Turning to the accounts, there are perhaps a few remarks necessary as regards the general account. The item "Formation Expenses" is comprised of the Capital duty and other fees payable on the incorporation of the Association as a Limited Company and will not recur, except that of the membership increased beyond 200, to the number on which Capital duty was paid, a further duty of 10 for every additional fifty members. The lesser number is payable. Printing also includes the printing of the Memorandum and articles of the Association, a non-recurring item. The eight uncollectable subscriptions are in respect of members away on leave—one has since been received.

As regards the tournament account there are only two remarks I wish to make. From the report you will have seen that in this account are included the expenses of the marquee, race, these amounted to practically \$200—almost entirely for advertising and the printing of the conditions and entries, etc. Your Committee feel that this year's

eminently successful, no less than 143 entries being received and of this number 85 faced the starter. The Association's thanks are due to the Police for their co-operation without which the race would have been impossible, and to Col. Wyndham for allowing pickets to be provided by the 2nd Wilt. for keeping the final run in clear, and last but not least to the donors of the cups. The only other item to which I wish to refer is the purchase of gloves for next year. Taking advantage of the rate of exchange ruling at the end of our last season, an order was sent to England for the number of sets of gloves which your Manager estimated would be required this season and these have been purchased at a cost of approximately one-third what they would have cost if purchased here or at Manila as had to be done last year, besides which it was very difficult and sometimes impossible to purchase 6oz. gloves when required. Excluding therefore the expenses of the marquee race and the cost of next season's gloves, the Tournament Account shows a balance in hand of roughly \$1,050 and this despite the fact that the Novices' Competition did not pay its way. This I am sure you will consider is a very satisfactory result for our first season.

In conclusion I would like to mention the invaluable services rendered to the Association by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, both as Chairman of the Boxing Committee and as a member of the General Committee. Mr. Jenkin threw the whole of his tireless energy and enthusiasm into furthering the interest of the Association and his loss will be acutely felt. I would also couple with Mr. Jenkin's name that of Chief Preventive Officer Wildin, on whose shoulders has fallen the responsibility for arranging the most excellent series of fights which we saw last year. Mr. Wildin's post is, I can assure you, one that entails a vast amount of work, and the erection of a marquee, as already has been proved, would add to that work in no small degree. Mr. Wildin has, as I am sure you will have been greatly relieved to see from the report, intimated his willingness to act this coming season as Manager, which I am sure you all will agree guarantees a series of most interesting tournaments.

I should also like to express the Association's regret at the loss which it has sustained through the resignation of Mr. H. J. Gedge, who was one of the promoters of the Association, and to express the Association's thanks to the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe for so kindly acting as the Association's Honorary Auditor.

Gentlemen, I think you will all wish to record a hearty vote of thanks to our Hon. Secretary, Mr. Tinson, who has devoted much time and hard work to the Association. The success of the Association is, I venture to say, chiefly due to his tact and energy and we should feel grateful to him for agreeing to undertake the arduous duties of Hon. Secretary for another year. If there are any questions on the report and accounts that I can answer I shall be only too pleased to do so. I beg now to propose the adoption of the Committee's report, accounts and balance sheet, for the year ending the 30 September, 1920.

Seconded by Mr. Wilton and carried unanimously.

In dealing with the prospects of the season, Chief Preventive Officer Wildin stated that in the Amateur contests they had good material and he would mention the names of some of the intending contestants which would classify for the various weights. In the Middleweight he had Mr. McCann whom he (Mr. Wildin) hoped to match against either a Naval or a Military officer. In the same weight he had Mr. Andrews, of the Public Works Department, whom he also hoped to match against either a Naval or Military officer. Mr. Logan (junior) was a promising entry for the Light-weight. Mr. Logan had rendered services during the war and he (Mr. Wildin) hoped to find a Naval or Military officer to match him. There were a number of others who were expected to take part in the tournament, and whose names he did not wish to mention. The forthcoming tournament promised to be one of the best ever held in the Colony. In the Welterweight he hoped to match "Sky" Kerrison in a return contest with Stoker Walters, of H.M.S. "Hawkins." All would remember the good contest, which resulted from the meeting of these two men. The contest went to the 11th round when, owing to an accident to Walters' hand, the fight terminated. The return match between these two men would be a satisfaction, not only to the public generally, but to the public generally. As there were so many aspirants to the Welterweight honours he (Mr. Wildin) proposed to start an eliminating contest for which there would be many entries. He proposed to match S.P.O. Jones in a ten round contest against A. B. Willoughby, of H.M.S. "Hawkins." Mr. Wildin also expected to pit Mr. Burleigh, of the Taikoo Dock, in a ten round contest against Stoker F. O. Sullivan, of H.M.S. "Moth." Another contest in the eliminating contest would be between Seaman Parsons of H.M.S. "Ambrose," and Seaman Deaconhardt, of H.M.S. "Hawkins." Mr. Tinson expressed his thanks and the meeting terminated.

U.S. NAVAL SQUADRON.

VISIT TO HONGKONG.

ARRIVAL HERE ON SUNDAY.

Word has been received that a U.S. naval squadron, under Rear-Admiral Gleaves, will arrive here on Sunday for a short visit. The squadron consists of the flagship "Huron," the light cruisers "New Orleans" and "Albatross," and the destroyer "Hart." The last mentioned vessel was recently in Hongkong, when it brought Rear-Admiral Casey B. Morgan for a visit. The "Huron," formerly the "South Dakota," will be the largest warship that has called here for some time. Rear-Admiral Gleaves served on the "Trenton," and the "Monocacy" on the China Station. During the Spanish-American War he commanded the torpedo boat "Cushing." In 1915 he commanded a destroyer squadron attached to the Atlantic Fleet. In 1912, when in command of the "Dolphin," he discovered the greatest depth of the North Atlantic Ocean, and received the Cross and diploma of the Legion of Honour.

The squadron has been visiting Northern ports, and has received a cordial reception from the Chinese Government and the American communities. Arrangements are being made here for the reception of the Admiral and his officers.

MIDNIGHT ROBBERY.

ENGINEER PEPPERED.

THIEVES ARMED WITH CHOPPERS.

A Chinese engineer living in the Ha Kwai Cheung ship yard in Chinwa, reported to the police that about midnight on Wednesday, he was awakened by a noise outside the door of the house. When he asked who was there, he was asked for the loan of a frying pan. He replied that he had no frying pan to lend. The door was then forced open by four men armed with choppers, one of whom threw pepper in his eyes and stunned him with a blow on the head with the flat of his chopper. The others ransacked the house, and stole clothing and money to the total value of \$34.

STIFF SENTENCE.

BITE FOR SNATCHER.

LADY'S PLUCKY ACTION.

Mrs. Pope this morning charged a Chinese before Magistrate Smith with snatching a hand bag containing \$200 from her opposite the Central Market on Wednesday afternoon.

It was stated in evidence that immediately she felt a tug at the hand bag Mrs. Pope gripped the defendant, whom she saw pass the bag to another man who ran away. Mrs. Pope pluckily held the defendant until a constable came to her assistance. The bag was not recovered.

The Magistrate sentenced the defendant to six months' hard labour and 8 strokes of the birch.

Weihaiwei. He, the speaker, had seen both Deaconhardt's and Parsons' boxing and he had come to the conclusion that Deaconhardt could come under the welter-weight limit. Another match would be between Ship's Cook North, of H.M.S. "Carlisle," and Seaman Webb, of H.M.S. "Ambrose," who had been engaged in a contest held under the auspices of the Association.

RE-ELECTION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The re-election of Sir William Rees Davies as Chairman, Mr. R. M. Dyer, as Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. C. Wildin, as Manager and Mr. G. N. Tinson, as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer was agreed to on the proposition of Mr. F. C. Jenkin seconded by Mr. "Sky" Kerrison.

Election of official referee vice Mr. Gedge resigned. Mr. A. Murdoch was proposed by Mr. J. M. Young, seconded by Mr. J. C. Wildin (nominated under Rule 23) Carried unanimously.

Re-election of Messrs S. J. Clarke, G. C. Moxon and W. Ward members of the General Committee. Proposed by Mr. Logan and seconded by Mr. Murdoch. Carried unanimously.

Nominations under Rule 23 have been received for the election on General Committee of Mr. Scott Harston. Proposed by Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb, seconded by Revenue Officer S. J. Clarke vice Mr. F. C. Jenkin resigned, and for Mr. F. C. Jenkin proposed by Mr. G. C. Moxon, seconded by Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, vice Mr. S. H. Dodwell, resigned.

Re-election of the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe as hon. auditor of the Association. Proposed by Major Rapson, seconded by Mr. Ward and carried unanimously.

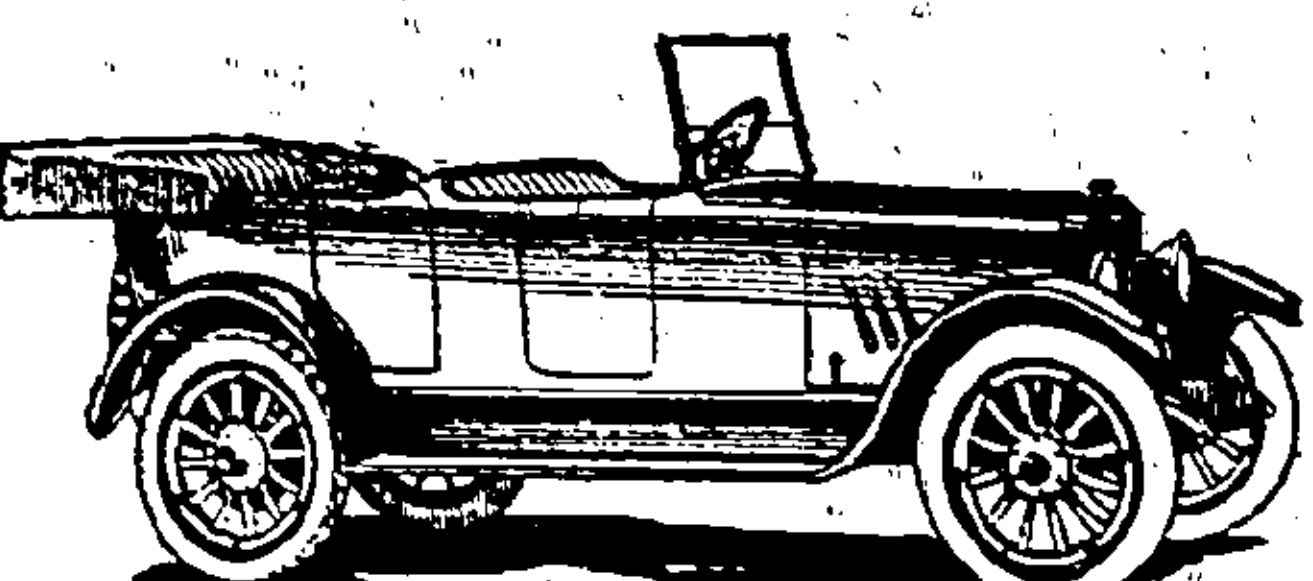
Mr. Wildin proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Tinson for the valuable service which he had rendered to the Association. Mr. Tinson, Mr. Wildin said, was in charge of all clerical work in connection with the Association.

Mr. Tinson expressed his thanks and the meeting terminated.

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An Estonian was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with having been found in the Colony without employment or visible means of subsistence.

The defendant: Where was I found?

Replying to the Magistrate, Inspector Spear, who prosecuted, said that the defendant was sent to Hongkong by the Singapore police. The police here received him from the "Namsang."

The defendant: "Nobody found me, I was never lost!" (Laughter). The Inspector said that defendant first came to Hongkong about four months ago, having stowed away at Shanghai. He was sent back to Shanghai, but returned within a fortnight. He was sentenced to one month's hard labour and then taken before the Russian Consul, who decided to send him to Singapore. The Russian Consul paid half of the expenses, and the Government the other half. The Singapore police refused to allow him to land, and sent him back to Hongkong. The Inspector asked that the defendant be sent to the House of Detention pending further enquiries.

The defendant: I do not know why I was ever sent to Singapore.

The Magistrate: To find work. Defendant: I do not like Singapore, and the people there do not like me. I came from Siberia to Shanghai. I could not find work there so came to Hongkong. I meant to find work here. I am willing to work. My only object was to return to my own country. I had no unlawful intentions.

The Magistrate: But you cannot stowaway.

Defendant: If they won't give me work, what can I do? It is no use you sending me in and out of Hongkong. I want to go home. From what I can see at present, I am going backwards instead of forward.

The Magistrate committed the defendant to the House of Detention.

Defendant: I suppose you will keep me here all my life. You will probably end up by sending me to a mad house! (Laughter.)

The Magistrate: No, the police will try and find work for you.

The defendant left the Court in company with Sergeant Simson still grumbling.

WORK FOR EX-SERVICE MEN.

The interim report just published by the Committee on Re-employment of Ex-Service Men is a rebuke to exaggerators all round. It shows that though there is still a problem, all the sweeping things that are currently shouted about are untrue. There has been no wholesale ingratitude on the country's part towards demobilised men. Of more than 5,000,000 men who served in the war 96 per cent are now at work. It is not true that there has been any general failure by employers to re-employ men who left to join the army or navy. A few shopkeepers and a very few other employers have kept on the women, or some of the women, whom they employed as war substitutes for men. But employers as a body have done well by the men. It is equally untrue that trade unions as a body have not done their fair share. A few unions have made difficulties about practical proposals, but the report says: "Trade unions have been largely instrumental in securing the reinstatement of ex-service men in their present employments. They have also been willing in general to co-operate in opening new avenues of employment for disabled men." The one serious problem remaining is not a sensational problem of anybody's moral turpitude, but the practical problem of the young men, now of twenty or a little more, who went into the army just when they would otherwise have been beginning to learn some skilled trade. "The only right thing to do by them is give them now the training they would have got had there been no war. For this purpose the report makes some sensible practical proposals. It is a good report—no rhetoric, no detraction, all sound evidence and sensible and kindly suggestion."

PSYCHO-ANALYSIS.

THE LATEST CRAZE.

CURING BY LOVE INTEREST.

Some revelations of the latest medical fashion which is sweeping over Society—psycho-analysis—were given by well-known Mayfair physician to a Press representative recently.

"Psycho-analysis has become immensely popular recently," he said, "and it is regrettable that there are men and women who call themselves psycho-analysts who have no medical qualifications. The result is that this form of healing mental disorders is falling into disrepute in some sections of the profession." This treatment consists in curing what are popularly termed "border cases" of mental ill health by bringing the past before the patient and relieving the surcharged mind of repressed emotions. The patient sits upon a lounge in suitable surroundings with the doctor and does all the talking. The doctor directs the mind and analyses the patient's outpourings. Fees are anything up to about two guineas for an hour's sitting.

Women are particularly keen on this form of treatment. "This is an unfortunate fact," remarked the doctor, "for many reasons. Firstly, the love interest always very largely enters into the treatment; in fact, there is never a successful treatment where the lady does not fall slightly in love temporarily with her doctor; secondly, women are attracted to psycho-analysis because of the excitement and adventure of it. The doctor is bound, at what is known as the period of 'transference,' to have some of the lady's affection," he declared, "and the awkward part about it is that the psycho-analysis treatment does not work if there is anyone else in the room. A nurse, for example, would upset the treatment by her presence."

Questioned as to what the doctor's wife had to say about these matters, the physician laughed, and admitted that the lady had to regard the question as a strictly professional one.

The popularity of the new treatment is reflected by the medical journals, one of which states that "ladies in their boudoirs" discuss the subject and "smart young women" in Society try to analyse their servants.

THE SCENTS OF SOHO SQUARE.

One of the puzzles of London has been how a big factory could carry on its business in the centre, with all the disadvantages of transport through the crowded streets. The best instance of this (much quoted in traffic reports) is the jam and pickle factory of Crosse & Blackwell, which faces Soho Square and turns its back to Charing Cross Road. The factory has been there for over a hundred years, and its offices in Soho Square are in a famous building, once the house of Lord Falconberg, a son-in-law of Oliver Cromwell. There is a handsomely carved seventeenth-century room on the first floor, and much of the original work remains. All lovers of London owe a debt to this ancient firm for the preservation of the Soho Square facade. It would have been so much more profitable for them to have pulled it down and erected a high modern building. I believe that this part will be untouched, and only the factory site has been sold. The passing of the factory will be missed in the neighbourhood as a trustworthy and aromatic calendar of the seasons. People could tell by their noses the exact month of the year as gooseberry jam gave way to strawberry jam and September wound up the year with blackberries and apples. Experts, they say, could even tell the winter months by the scents of the different pickles and sauces in the making. Now Ceres will be banished from Soho Square, and the cinema will tell people all the year round how American cowboys rescue cowgirls, and how Charlie Chaplin falls down a stair and Mary Pickford makes googoo eyes.

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PARADES.

Parades for week ending November 13 will be held in accordance with Programme of Work published in Corps Orders on Friday, Oct. 29, 1920, except Infantry Drill, Lewis Gun and Signalling Classes, also M. Gun Detachment will parade on Tuesday, 9th instant, owing to Monday, 8th instant, being Bank holiday.

MUSKETRY.

The Annual Course will commence on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 9.00 a.m. at King's Park Range. Dress: Drill order.

There will not be any Musketry on Saturday, Nov. 6.

PROMOTION.

No. 39 Corporal F. Lobel M.M. No. 2 Platoon (Infantry Company) is promoted Sergeant, with effect from this date.

ORDERS FOR MOUNTED INFANTRY SECTION.

Monday, 8th, Wednesday, 10th, and Friday, 12th Nov.—5.15 p.m. Parade at Riding School, Causeway Bay. Dress: Drill order on Wednesday, uniform optional on Monday and Friday.

ORDERS FOR CADET COMPANY BY LIEUT. A. J. M. WEYMAN.

PARADES.

The Company (including Band) will parade at Headquarters on Saturday, 6th instant, at 1.20 p.m. Dress: Drill order (helmets) (Band with instruments).

BAND.

The Band will parade at Headquarters on Monday, 8th instant, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill order (with instruments).

PARADE.

The Company will parade at Headquarters on Tuesday, 9th instant, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

CLASS OF INSTRUCTION.

The N.C.O.s will attend a Class of Instruction to be held at Headquarters on Thursday, 11th instant, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

G. F. E. RAPSON, Bt. Major, Adjutant, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, Hongkong, Nov. 5, 1920.

NOTICES.

There will be a Practice Shoot on Sunday, Nov. 7, for Members wishing to compete in the League Team, on King's Park Range commencing at 2.15 p.m.

With reference to Notice in Corps Orders dated October 29, 1920, Re Camp. The Camp will be open during the 2nd week end from Saturday, 6th, to Tuesday, 9th Dec., 1920, for training (provided sufficient names are sent in) to enable members who wish to complete their three (3) days' Camp in one weekend.

Names of those desirous of attending Camp, during this period, to be submitted to Adjutant by Nov. 12. Members are reminded that names are required immediately by Platoon Commanders re attendance at Camp. This is most necessary to enable proper Camp arrangements to be made.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Kiukiang," Captain, Oudney, 1,228 tons, arrived this morning at 7 a.m., from Bangkok with 2,200 tons of rice.

The s.s. "Tydeus," Capt. C. G. Carnon, 4,779 tons, arrived this morning at 7.25 a.m., from Milke with 4,000 tons of coal.

DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Hutchow," Captain Lovegrove, sailed for Tientsin at noon to-day with 1,200 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Hailong," Captain Passmore, sailed for Poochow via Swatow at 2 p.m. to-day with 650 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Yuensan," Captain McAnish, sailed for Manila at 3 p.m. to-day with 1,700 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Faiyuen," Capt. Halkett, sailed for Shanghai at 4.30 p.m. to-day with 730 tons of general cargo.

CLEARANCES.

The s.s. "Shun Shing," Chinese, cleared to-day and will sail for Kwong Chow Wan at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

THE LEAGUE IN ACTION.

The ninth conference of the Council of the League of Nations, which concluded in Paris, supplied good evidence, in the words of its president, that the League is no longer at the stage of speeches but at that of action. "successive, repeated, and methodically linked together." That confidence found practical expression in the decision which declared the League competent to intervene, as requested by the British Government, in the Finnish-Swedish dispute over the Aaland Archipelago. It was even more fully justified by the successful handling by the Council of the Polish-Lithuanian frontier dispute. To all appearance both parties are quite willing to settle it by negotiation. But mistrust of one another's intentions led them to attempt to secure their claims by a series of *coups d'etat* which very nearly led to formal war. That is precisely the kind of danger which it was hoped the League's machinery would avert. Now not only have the two parties to the dispute readily accepted the suggestions made by the Council with a view to preventing conflict pending a final settlement; but they were also moved by the atmosphere of impartiality and trust which inspired the meeting, to a spontaneous and dramatic expression of good-will, the Polish and Lithuanian delegates clasping hands in view of their comrades.

Business in Hongkong Chinese shipyards is at the present moment somewhat slack, the prolonged trouble at Canton being an appreciable factor. The Kwong Hip Lung Firm which operates a repairs establishment at Sam-shui-po informed a representative of the *Canton Times* that at the present moment there are over a hundred vessels mostly of the launch variety belonging to the Canton Police and River Conservancy Bureaux which are at present laid up on account of the want of funds to keep them in serviceable condition. The Chinese firms in Hongkong which in the past have done a considerable business in the repairing of these vessels, anticipate more prosperous times when the conditions at Canton have returned to normal.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that during CRICKET WEEK the HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE will be closed at 1 p.m. on TUESDAY 9th, WEDNESDAY 10th and FRIDAY 12th inst., and ALL DAY on MONDAY 8th and THURSDAY 11th inst.

By Order of the Committee.
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MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND EXTENSIONS.

The text was issued during the temporary suspension of *The Journal of Commerce* owing to the printers' strike, of the bill introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. Sexton, supported by Messrs. Clynnes, Wignall, and Tillet, to amend enactments relating to merchant shipping, and to make further provision with respect thereto, and to amend and extend Section 7 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, and to repeal certain enactments, and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid. The principal amendments which the bill proposes to make in the existing statute law are as follows:—

(1) Every ship, which must now be marked with a deep load line, must also be marked with a light load line, which must be kept submerged when the ship is at sea.

(2) Wood goods must not be carried as deck cargo during winter, and in summer may only be carried subject to the conditions which now apply to the carrying of those goods during the winter months.

(3) Provision is made for greatly improving in new ships the accommodation for seamen and apprentices.

(4) Except in cases of grave emergency, no seaman or apprentice on a British ship is to be employed for more than eight hours a day or more than 48 hours a week.

(5) When a ship is lost wages are to continue payable until the seaman is sent back to a proper return port, unless he dies before such return. In the latter event, his right to wages continues till his death.

(6) The provisions of part 3 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, which apply to "Colonial voyages" generally, but do not apply to "Colonial voyages" of which the "duration" is less than three weeks, are extended so as to cover the last-mentioned voyages.

(7) The provisions of part 3 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, which apply to ships bringing stowage passengers to the British Islands from ports out of Europe, and not within the Mediterranean Sea, are extended to all ships bringing stowage passengers from all ports without the Islands.

(8) Certificates of competence must be held by the officers of all British foreign-going and home trade ships, whether going to sea from a place in the United Kingdom or not.

(9) The provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, relating to bad or insufficient provisions are strengthened.

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(10) The obligation to carry a certificated cook is extended to all British foreign going ships of 1,000 tons and upwards.

(11) Power is given to the Board of Trade to make regulations with respect to the service of the provisions required to be provided under Section 25 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906.

(12) Seamen are given further facilities for remitting wages, and the definition of near relatives is extended.

(13) Passengers may not be carried on a deck below one on which cattle are carried, except one on which a cow or goat is carried for the sole purpose of supplying milk.

(14) The Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, is extended to all share fishermen, and men in the herring industry are, notwithstanding anything in the terms of their agreement obliging them to share losses, to be deemed to work under a contract of service.

(15) Punishments for offences against discipline are revised.

(16) The maximum punishment for sending or taking a ship to sea in an unseaworthy state is increased to penal servitude for 10 years.

(17) The dispensing powers conferred by Section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, upon the Board of Trade are withdrawn, and any exemptions or dispensations granted under the section are cancelled.

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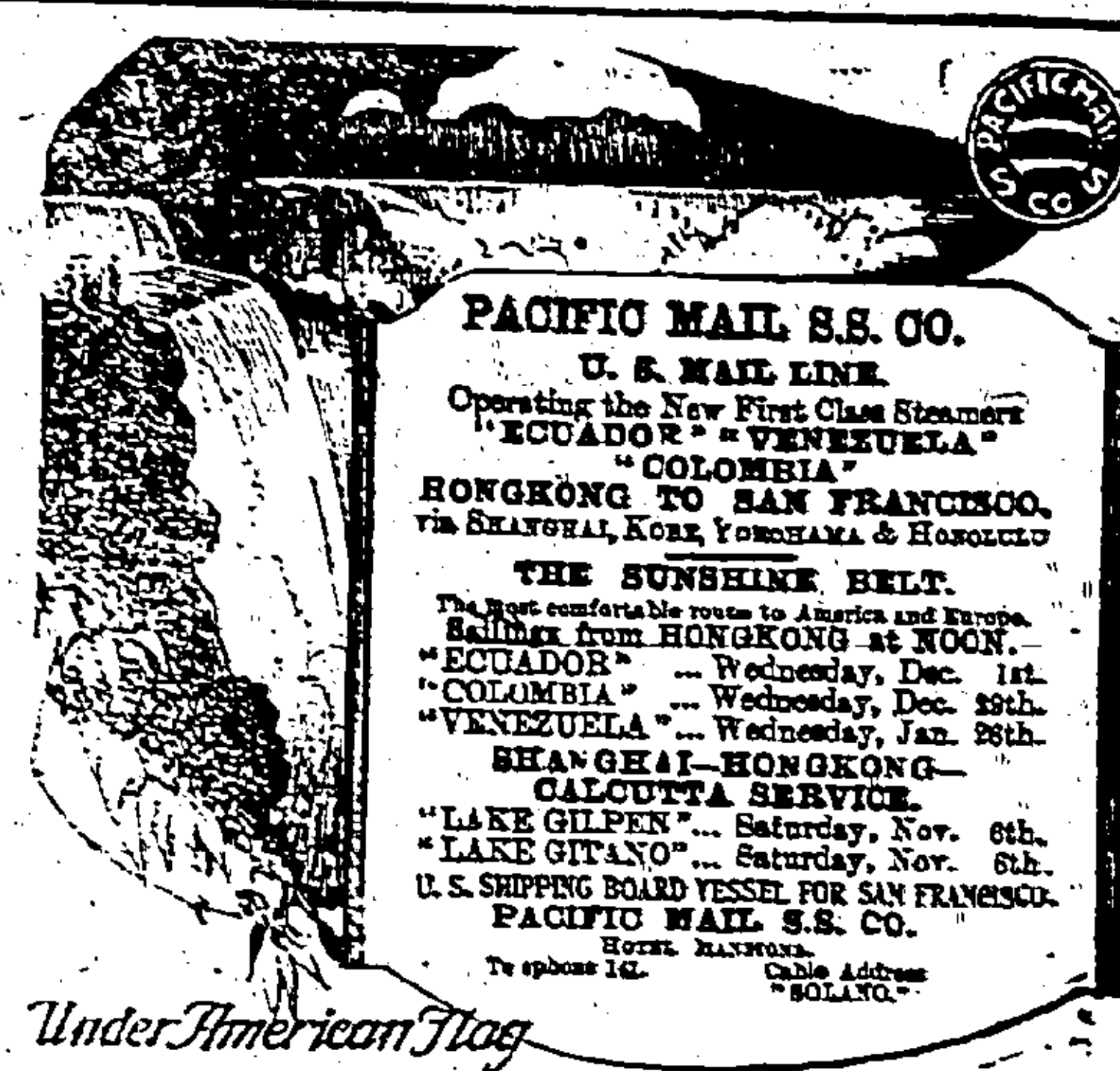
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SPORT.

CHARITY FOOTBALL.

TEAMS FOR MONDAY'S MATCH.

Following are the teams for the charity football match South China Athletics v. the "Rest" of the League to be played on the Club ground, Happy Valley, on Monday evening, in aid of the North China Famine Relief Fund:

South China—Lau Hing-cheung, Chan So and Fung Tai; Cheung Wing-sing, Leun Tai-fung and Leung Yuk-tong; Au Kit-sang, Kwok Po-kan, Wong Pak-chung, Ip Kau and Ko Sek-wai. Reserves—Kum Fook and Tin Kwong-sau.

The "Rest"—G. Rodger (Club); F. Wheeler (Kowloon) and Lawrence (Club); M. L. Raiton (Club); J. Rodger (Club); and W. Lucas (Wills); Savage ("Ambrose"); Downes ("Ambrose"); Graydon ("Tamar"); Townsend (Kowloon) and Amor (Wills); Reserves—Crocker (Kowloon), Gerrard (Club) and Moxham (Wills).

Referee—Mr. H. Birkenhead.

Linesmen—Sgt. Wells ("Tamar") and Mr. C. H. Blake (United A.C.).

HOME RESULTS.

The latest results in the Soccer Leagues were as follows:

FIRST LEAGUE	
Arsenal	2
Aston Villa	3
Blackburn	0
Bolton Wanderers	3
Bradford	1
Burnley	4
Derby County	1
Huddersfield	0
Liverpool	0
Manchester United	0
Newcastle United	3
SECOND LEAGUE	
Blackpool	1
Cardiff	0
Fulham	3
Hull City	3
Leicester	3
Notts Forest	1
Port Vale	2
Sheff. Weds	3
S. Shields	1
Stockport	1
Wolverhampton	0
THIRD LEAGUE	
Brentford	0
Bristol Rovers	3
Exeter	0
Northampton	2
Norwich	0
Plymouth	0
Portsmouth	0
Q. Pk. Rangers	4
Reading	4
Swindon	3
Watford	3

RUGBY.

NAVY BEAT CLUB.

A very interesting rugby match was witnessed by a large crowd on the Club ground yesterday evening, when a home XV met a Navy combination, and after a very close and well-contested game, were defeated by six points to three.

The sailors were a faster and heavier set, but they by no means had play all their own way. The Clubmen attacked from the start and soon took the oval into the sailors' territory where a scrum placed the naval forwards in possession. McNair and Beech gave a fine exhibition of quick passing, ably assisted by Capel. Beech very nearly got the oval over the line for a try, but was stopped just in time by McNair, who cleared, and the Club's defence was once more able to breathe freely. The sailors were not long in returning, and from a clever pass from Capel, Watkins registered a try. He took the kick, but failed to convert. With the sailors three points up, the Clubmen assumed the offensive, but the naval forwards were very quick, and did not allow them to go very far. Beech had another good chance, but was brought to earth by a Club player, who fouled him by holding his leg. The sailors were not given a penalty, and very sportingly refrained from claiming it. McNair and Halliday got away together, but were pulled up a yard from the line, after a very good run. The half-time found the sailors leading by three points.

The second half saw a lot of midfield play neither set of forwards seeming to be able to make any headway. The sailors' combination, for some reason went to pieces, and they lost many good chances. Dusk was setting in when the Clubmen who had improved considerably in combination, equalized. Murray registering a try from a timely pass from Smythe. The kick was taken from a very difficult angle, and did not materialize. Kicking off, Ansell got the oval and passed it to McNair who sent it to Capel. That player ran up a bit and transferred to Gunn, who by some clever and delightful dodging, worked his way through the Club defence and scored another try for the Navy. This also did not materialize. The Clubmen tried hard to save the match in the remaining few minutes of play, and had most of the exchanges, but the failing light handicapped them, and they did not score again. At the close, the sailors were winners of a hard fought match by six points to three.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

PROSPECTS FOR TO-MORROW.

Everything is ready for the opening of Interport Cricket Week—the first in years—to-morrow afternoon, when the team from Shanghai will meet the Hongkong players in the opening game of the series. They will play again on Monday.

The Shanghai players had their last practice, before the opening game, on the grounds of the Hongkong Cricket Club this morning. At the conclusion of the practice, Mr. F. L. Wainwright, the Captain of the Shanghai team, expressed himself as hopeful of the result. Interest in cricket and the interport series was keen in Shanghai, he said. Unfortunately it was difficult for some of the available players to get away. All the members of the team were fit and ready for play, he added.

The Singapore team also was out for practice. As it does not play until Wednesday, it will have the opportunity of further practice before it takes the field.

"We need more time than Shanghai to become acclimatized," said Mr. N. A. M. Griffin, the captain of the team, during practice this morning. "We have been having very hot weather; and here it is quite cool. Some of us are actually cold."

"Also we find the light very different. We are used to a bright sun and open ground—not surrounded with buildings, as these are. But we shall be all right. We are fast getting used to the different conditions."

Mr. Griffin was also optimistic about the prospects of the team of which he is captain. In answer to a question, he pronounced it a good all-round representative team.

The weather was the subject of some slight uneasiness. Mr. Griffin was not enthusiastic about the prospect of rain. "Hope it doesn't," he said, with a glance at the sky. "We like a dry cricket."

The Singapore team, according to Mr. Griffin, was feeling perfectly fit, and—as was the case also with the Shanghai team—having an excellent time in Hongkong. He was the only one who at the moment was not feeling in tiptop shape, and the reason was that he had just had a busy session with the dentist. "I'll be all right to-morrow," he said.

In the event of rain, there will likely be a change of bowlers in the Hongkong team. It was said this morning. In the case of a wet cricket, it is not likely that Mr. Bird will bowl. Otherwise the team apparently will remain as chosen.

For the convenience of the spectators at the games, lists of the members of the teams have been printed for distribution at the games. Each player is given a number. By consulting the lists and the numbers placed on the board at the far end of the grounds, it will be possible for the spectators to ascertain the participants in each play.

MCMEEKIN NOT COMING.

We learn that Mr. P. McMeekin who was given a place in the Shanghai team, and was to have met his colleagues here on his return from Singapore, whether he had been to meet his wife and family on his return from a trip home, has returned to Shanghai and will not play. His place will be taken by Mr. Grimshaw who is the secretary and twelfth man of the Shanghai team. Mr. Grimshaw is a useful bowler.

Both the visiting teams were seen practising at the nets on the H.K.C.C. ground yesterday morning, and their performance created a fine impression. Watching them, one could not help thinking that the Malayan team is stronger in the bowling than the Shanghai team is while the reverse. While the Malaysians admit that they are not very strong, owing to several of their best players being unable to get away from business to make the trip to Hongkong, they are determined to do their best. Shanghai on the other hand, is very confident, and does not hesitate to show it. They mean to put up a stiff fight and go back with the scalps of both Malaya and Hongkong.

K.C.C. v. UNIVERSITY C.C.

The following will represent the K.C.C. on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. on the home ground—E. L. Braga, J. Stalker, A. O. Brown, B. D. Evans, K. F. Macaskill, Major Greenaway, R. Poston, A. W. Ramsay, W. B. Heston, W. F. J. Gorvin and F. Travers.

UNIVERSITY v. KOWLOON.

The following will represent the University in a League match against the Kowloon Cricket Club to-morrow at 2.15 p.m. on their ground—D. K. Samy (Cap), T. E. Yeoh, M. D. H. Roffey, H. C. Hunt, L. T. Pun, T. L. Cheah, K. E. Mogra, R. Robertson, R. S. Cheah, R. W. Barney and C. H. Yeoh.

INTERPORT CRICKET PROGRAMME.

An artistic programme has been produced for interport week. On the cover is a silhouette of Hongkong and beneath it the colours of the opposing teams. A list of the teams is given as well as the programme of matches and entertainments.

INTERPORT TENNIS PROGRAMME.

The interport tennis matches will be played on Wednesday and Saturday, November 10 and 13 on the Chinese Recreation Club ground. A doubles match will be played on the first day and two singles on the second. If the cricket arrangements permit the H.K.C.C. ground will be used for the games on November 15, 16 and 17, but failing this they will be played at the C.R.C. November 15 and 16 will be occupied by a singles and doubles match and the 17th by doubles.

For Shanghai Pott and Olfendessen and Tanaka and Carnavallio partner in the doubles matches while Pott and Tanaka represent the Northern Port in singles. Pott, who is the Shanghai Champion, injured his knee while playing tennis yesterday. Tanaka was the runner up in the championship, while Carnavallio successfully partnered Toussaint in the doubles championship.

Seats for the first two days may be booked at Moutries, the charge being \$1.00 for reserved seats and 50 cents for unreserved. Standing room is charged for at 20 cents. Service men being admitted free. If any balance remains after paying expenses it will be given to charity.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP.

Last night's matches in the Palace Hotel Handicap Billiards tournament, resulted as follows:—

6 p.m.—Mr. Pritchard (-75) lost to Mr. R. Thomas (-125) by 250-208. Mr. Thomas's highest breaks were 21 and 17.

9 p.m.—This match was an easy game for Mr. Ho So Shai-man (sc) who playing a very steady and consistent game, beat Mr. W. Crocker (-150) by 250-51.

Ho's breaks were 17 and 16, and Crocker's 15 and 17.

Only one game will be played to-night when T. B. Golding will meet J. Sacko at 9 o'clock.

A SPECTRE'S BRIDE.

STRANGE CHINESE WEDDING.

BRIDE'S ANOMALOUS POSITION.

Writing from Yangchow on Oct. 27, a correspondent of the N.C.D. News said:—

An unusual wedding procession was witnessed last Sunday by thousands of interested spectators. The bride's chair, instead of being decked in green and red, was draped in green and white, and the accompanying procession comprised all the accoutrements of an old official funeral. The "bride," a daughter of a once prominent official, had been engaged from infancy to a son of another official house, who died several months ago. After his death, the son of the young man appeared repeatedly to his promised bride, urging that she must go to her mother-in-law's house as if he were alive, and become the wife of his *kwei* (spirit). Her family, warned by these apparitions, reluctantly consented to her going, and amid many tears the procession of sorrow instead of joy made its way to her future home. The wedding ceremonies of obedience to ancestors and friends were performed by her beside the coffin of the bridegroom in a temple. No longer looked upon as a girl, she has the anomalous position of being the unmarried widow of a man and the wife of his spirit.

A BIG DEAL IN SHIPS.

DISQUIETING FEATURE.

DEARTH OF LINER TONNAGE.

One of the most disquieting features in connection with British shipping at the present moment is the comparative dearth of what is generally described as liner tonnage. During the war this class of ship suffered severely at the hands of our late enemies, but, notwithstanding its importance on the ocean, the replacement of cargo carriers was felt to be even more urgent, and after the war shipbuilding has been practically confined to this class of vessel. The replacement of liners by captured and relinquished German ships was only on a moderate scale, pending the final allocation of outside tonnage by the Allies, and consequently the need for large passenger ships has grown greatly, and it is even now quite inadequate to meet the demands. In these circumstances a tremendous amount of interest has been aroused by the announcement that Lord Inchcape, acting on behalf of the Reparation Commission, has undertaken the disposal to British shipowners of the ex-enemy shipping allotted to British ownership.

It will be remembered in this connection that Lord Inchcape, acting for the British Government carried through the distribution to the shipping industry of the country of nearly 200 cargo ships, which realised the enormous figure of £35,000,000.

The whole transaction was most successfully brought to completion at a total cost of only £850, or little more than £4 per ship, and, needless to say, neither Lord Inchcape nor the shipping interests with which he is associated benefited in the slightest degree by the huge transfer. The whole business was carried through in such a manner as to provoke only admiration of the business qualities of the great shipping financier, and this has doubtless influenced the Reparation Commission in placing in the same hands what may be regarded as an even more important commission, though little more than 40 passenger vessels and 21 cargo steamers are involved, and the prices which may be realised will almost certainly fall considerably short of the big sum realised in the earlier instance.

There are several very important reasons why this must be so. The market for such ships is greatly restricted, though the need for them is sufficiently urgent to minimise to a considerable extent this adverse circumstance. But these vessels, apart from the fact that their best days were never equal to British construction, have not been treated well, and they will require a lot of money to be spent on their reconstruction before they approach the British ideal of passenger ships.

Then, again, one has also to remember the difficulties that must arise in their running on account of German engineering practice—a factor of very considerable importance.

Nevertheless the list of passenger vessels to be sold includes some of the biggest and many of the most recently-constructed ships afloat. At their head may very appropriately be placed the recently-finished "Bismarck," a vessel of 56,000 tons gross, which has not yet been in commission, and for which it is very difficult in these changed times to even approximate the costs of running. Another big vessel which is yet to be sold is the "Imperator," at present running under the Cunard flag for the Shipping Controller. She is a vessel of nearly 52,000 tons gross, and has proved of service to her present managers. There are at least seven other passenger liners each of over 10,000 tons in the list for disposal, including the "Kaiserin Auguste Victoria" (24,581 tons), "Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm" (17,082 tons), "Mobile" (16,960 tons), and "Zeppelin" (14,167 tons), as well as many useful and up-to-date ships of smaller size. The cargo steamers also offered for sale through Lord Inchcape include some very fine vessels, many of recent construction, and all at present in or due at British home ports. Though the list of possible purchasers is limited, it is believed that there will not be found any very great difficulty in disposing of all the ships at prices which may be considered satisfactory in the

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circumstances. The proceeds, by the way, are to be applied first to the cost of the British Army of Occupation, and secondly to the British share of the reparations, including the advances to Belgium. At all events the disposal of the vessel is in the hands of a gentleman who has proved his ability to carry out successfully even greater transactions than that now entrusted to him.

In connection with this forthcoming sale of British tonnage, it is interesting, though not by any means satisfactory, to note that the world's biggest ship, the "Leviathan," is to speak in common parlance, "eat her head off" in New York Harbour, where she has been lying now for more than a year. It is stated that to keep her there in absolute idleness costs something like £1,000 a day. The reason given for her enforced idleness is illuminating, if not altogether adequate. It is stated that put her into commission will cost £2,000,000. She is at present occupying a berth that might be more usefully employed. The mere possession of a such a ship, valuable as she undoubtedly is, must be a positive obsession to the U.S. Shipping Board, and one can conceive of them disposing of her on very easy terms to any purchaser willing to relieve them of this veritable white elephant.

When the Board willing to dispose of her to purchasers outside the States, we might hear of something doing, but it is, to say the very least, most unlikely that she will be purchased by any shipping man or concern in the United States. They appear to have had quite enough of shipwreck, and they will probably leave it less as time goes on.—*Journal of Commerce.*

THE SOCIETY FOR PURE ENGLISH.

Among the residents in the East there must be quite a large number of those people interested in the English language whom the Society for Pure English is meant to unite. It is said to contain no cranks. At any rate it is not and will not be the organ of any cranks or one-sided propagandists. For this very reason it has excluded the subject of spelling from its scope. Its idea is to bring into contact those people who have some sense of responsibility towards the language and care whether it is developing well or badly, towards greater beauty and expressiveness or towards dullness and sloppiness. The interchange of thought among these, and an increase in the amount of thought applied to the language which serves us, should stimulate the growth of a conscious public opinion able to exercise some influence on the change which the language is continuously undergoing, an influence in favour of clearness and naturalness and reason.

ablesness. A language is a thing of natural and spontaneous growth, like a tree or an animal and not like a house. There is no idea of attempting to manufacture rules instead of observing the process of development. But the more self-conscious the development becomes and the more intelligent interest is taken in it the better and purer and more alive the language is likely to be. By "Pure" English is not meant English from which words of recent foreign origin are excluded. Such an attempt to put back the clock and ignore accomplished fact would be quite a good example of the pedantry and affectation which the Society wholly avoids and opposes.

Members of the Society are people who care which is the better and which the worse of two forms and care which becomes the customary one; and supporting the better by use and example in all cases where there is still free choice will contribute in their degree to the healthy life of the language. The original members were such writers as the Poet Laureate, Thomas Hardy, Arnold Bennett, Gilbert Cannan, Sir Gilbert Murray, Hugh Walpole, Sir A. Quiller-Couch, Israel Zangwill, Professor Saintsbury, Arthur Ralston and others less well-known. No subscription is required of members but they are expected to buy the Society's publications or to contract for them by a pre-payment of not less than 10s. a year, and donations are welcome and necessary.

Three "tracts" have already appeared, the first being the preliminary announcement, the second a most interesting discussion by Dr. Bridges of the enormous numbers of English words of identical or similar sound, and the third entitled "Practical Suggestions." The English prices of these pamphlets are 1s., 2s. 6d. and 1s. net. They can be obtained post free at 50 cents, \$1 and 50 cents (Straits Settlements) from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. O'May, Messrs Barker and Co., Singapore. Donations and proposed members' names can be sent either to Mr. O'May or to the General Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. Pearsall Smith, 11 St. Leonard's Terrace, London S.W. 3.

Mr. E. Godden, of one of H.M.'s submarines left a parcel in a ricksha. The coolie walked off with it, but was traced after the loss had been reported. He said he did not know the parcel was in the ricksha, but Magistrate Orme thought he did and fined him \$10 with the alternative of 14 days "hard."

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